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In re Application of OHSAWA et al.

Confirmation No. 9783

Application No. 10/583,504

Examiner:

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For: HEAT PIPE AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SAME

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INSUFFICIENT BASIC NATIONAL FEE REQUIRED AND/OR
MISSING COPY OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In the above-identified application, Applicants have received a Notice of Insufficient Basic National Fee Required and/or Missing Copy of International Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.495, mailed November 15, 2006, indicating that a copy of the international application, Request Form and basic national fee were missing. Applicants hereby submit a copy of the international application as filed, which was previously filed on March 20, 2006, as well as a copy of the Request (Form PCT/RO/101).

The Notice also indicates that the basic national fee must be paid. Upon filing the application on March 20, 2006, a check in the amount of \$590.00 was submitted, which included \$150.00 for the basic national fee, \$100.00 for the examination fee, \$200.00 for the search fee and \$100.00 for an extra independent claim. The check was cashed by the Patent Office on April 6, 2006. Applicants note that, due to an error in the Patent Office, the application was given two serial numbers, 10/583,504 and 10/572,517 (which was cancelled). It is possible that the fee paid by Applicants was applied to the incorrect application. No fees are believed due. However, should additional fees be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0951 for any underpayment. A copy of the Notice of Insufficient Basic National Fee Required and/or Missing Copy of International Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.495 dated November 15, 2006 is enclosed. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Indication of Small Entity Status has been received.

The following items must be furnished:

Copy of International Application, which includes a copy of the Request Form, submitted to the International Bureau is missing. A copy of the International Application must be provided prior to 30 months from the priority date to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 are not available for compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.495(b). The international application may not be submitted via facsimile transmission.

The basic national fee to enter the national stage in the United States of America under 35 U.S.C. 371 must be paid by 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.495(b)(2)).

If the proper basic national fee is not paid within 30 months from the priority date, the international application will become ABANDONED as to the United States of America, and will not be accepted for national examination.

The amount required shown above reflects the correct fee as of the date of this Notice. If the amount changes prior to payment, applicant must pay the revised amount.

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Extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 are not available for compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.495(b)(2).

For filing the basic national fee, the first class certificate of mailing procedure of 37 CFR 1.8 is NOT available to establish the date of mailing as the date of receipt in the USPTO (see 37 CFR 1.8(a)(2)(i)(F)). The Express Mail procedure of 37 CFR 1.10 may be used.

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Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.6).

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